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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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below.

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 6, before **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**, insert:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/709,171, filed on November 10, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. ______.--.

Page 43, line 19, delete the sentence fragment "It is contemplated that the humus of the invention can also be used in aquatic".

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 15 without prejudice.

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